

State of South Carolina



Commission for Minority Affairs

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South Carolina Native American Heritage Awareness Campaign

November 2017

The South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs is proud to acknowledge November as Native American Heritage Month and November 18, 2017 as Native American Heritage Awareness Day.

This year the Commission is conducting a state-wide Native American Heritage Awareness Campaign to promote the rich cultural heritage, history and advocacy of South Carolina's first inhabitants. Each year the Commission assists the Governor's Office in creating a proclamation to celebrate the month and since 2013, hosts an annual activity to promote Native American Heritage Awareness Day.

The Campaign is focused on bring awareness to local governments, state legislators and the public regarding the Federal and State Recognized Native American Entities of South Carolina. Included in this packet, you will find a brief fact sheet rack card, the Native American Affairs brochure, a map and contact information for our state's Recognized Tribal Entities, a state-wide press release, a state-wide calendar of events, and the Governor's Native American Heritage Month Proclamation.

The Commission is the clearinghouse for information related to South Carolina's minority populations. As such, we hope to be a resource for you as you work to promote inclusion of Native American Indian Entities within your community. Please feel free to contact our Native American Affairs Coordinator at (803) 832-8165 or mhayden@cfma.sc.gov should you have any questions, wish to request assistance, or need additional copies of the information provided.

Thank you for all that you do for the State of South Carolina and your local community!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Thomas J. Smith".

Thomas J. Smith
Executive Director
SC Commission for Minority Affairs

South Carolina Native American Affairs

Our Mission

To establish the framework to ensure social equity and economic prosperity for all Native American citizens throughout the state of South Carolina through policy change, education, and increased awareness.

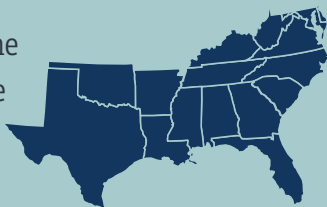


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Did you know?

The Southern US is home to the 2nd largest Native American population.



Native Americans make up 0.5% of SC's population.

The Native American population has been increasing across SC with York, Marlboro and Dillon Counties at the top.



Native American-owned businesses make up 0.5% of SC's firms.

Native American Entities in SC:

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| 1 Federally Recognized Tribe | 2 State Recognized Special Interest Organizations |
| 9 State Recognized Tribes | 20 Non-Recognized Entities |
| 4 State Recognized Groups | |

Native American Advisory Committee

Entities holding membership are as follows:

Beaver Creek Indian Tribe

Catawba Indian Nation

Chaloklowa Chickasaw Indian People

Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois and United Tribes, Inc.

Edisto Natchez Kusso Tribe

Natchez Indian Tribe

Native American Studies ,
University of South Carolina Lancaster

PAIA-Lower
Eastern Cherokee Nation of SC

Pee Dee Indian Nation of Beaver Creek

Pee Dee Indian Nation of Upper SC

Pee Dee Indian Tribe of SC

Santee Indian Organization

SC Commission for Minority Affairs

SC Office of the Governor

SC Office of the State Archaeologist

Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians

Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians

Waccamaw Indian People



South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs Native American Affairs Initiative

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South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs Native American Indian Affairs Initiative



"The Official Native American
Indian Affairs Agency for the State
of South Carolina"



About the Native American Affairs Initiative:

The South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs was created in 1993 by the General Assembly to provide the citizens of the

State with a single point of contact for information regarding the State's minority population.

In 2001, the Native American Affairs Ad Hoc Committee was created and housed at the Commission with the goal of establishing an Indian Affairs Commission for the State of South Carolina through collaboration with the Commission. Through the hard work and dedication of the Ad Hoc Committee, the Commission's statute

was changed adding the Native American Affairs Initiative under the duties of the Commission.

Since 2003, the Commission has been committed to strengthening the relationship between South Carolina's Native American Indian communities and government.

The Commission carries out its duties under Chapter 31, Title 1 of the SC Code of Laws of 1976, Section 1-31-40(A)(6)(10) and Chapter 139, Article 1 of the Code of Regulations which include but are not limited to the following:

- influencing public policy and state services;
- maintaining an advisory committee;
- development and implementation of statistical data;
- addressing the needs of the population; and
- state recognition of Native American entities.



Our Vision

All Native American citizens of South Carolina and their communities will be treated equitably and see economic prosperity through recognition, policy changes, collaboration, educational initiatives, and increased public awareness of the significant contributions that Native Americans have made to South Carolina's rich cultural heritage.

Our Mission

To establish the framework to ensure social equity and economic prosperity for all Native American Indian citizens throughout the state of South Carolina through policy change, education, and increased awareness.

According to the 2010 Census data, there are approximately 1,712,102 Native Americans (one race alone and/or in combination) living in the **South Eastern US**, making this region **home to the 2nd largest Native American Indian population in the US.**

In South Carolina, there are approximately **42,171 Native Americans** (one race alone and/or in combination) which is **0.5% of the State's total population.** Of that number, **13,718 identify themselves as one race only—Native American Indian.**

Marlboro County has the largest percentage of its county population identified as Native American (4.5%), followed by **Dillon County with 2.5%. York County has the highest total population of Native Americans with approximately 1,934 people.**

CMA Program Services

Information and Referral

Research and Evaluation

Technical Assistance

Capacity Building

Cultural Diversity Training

Minority Population Specific Training

Organizational Development

Business Development

State Recognition for Native American Entities

Did You Know?

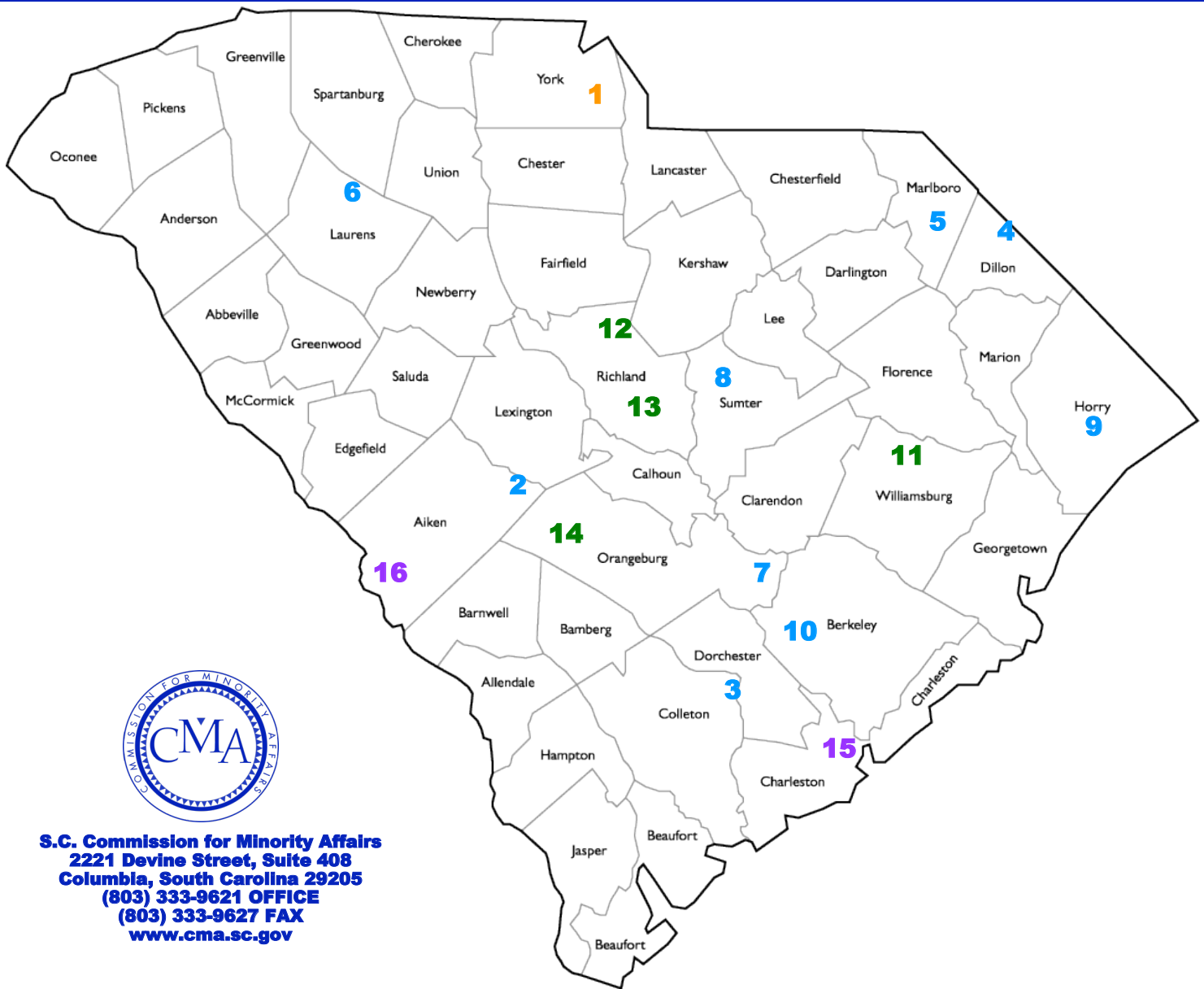
Every county in South Carolina has seen an increase in their Native American Indian population from the 2000 Census with the exception of Abbeville, Allendale, and Laurens.

There are nine STATE recognized tribes, four STATE recognized groups, and two STATE recognized special interest organization in the State of South Carolina. There are approximately 20 non-recognized Native American entities in South Carolina. The **Catawba Indian Nation is South Carolina's only FEDERALLY recognized tribe.**

In 2007, there were approximately **1,802 firms that identified themselves as Native American Indian or Alaskan Native** owned. This is 0.5% of the total firms in the State.



South Carolina's Recognized Native American Indian Entities



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Federally Recognized Tribes

1. Catawba Indian Nation

State Recognized Tribes

2. Beaver Creek Indians
3. Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe
4. Pee Dee Indian Nation of Upper SC
5. Pee Dee Indian Tribe of SC
6. Piedmont American Indian Association-Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of SC
7. Santee Indian Organization
8. Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians
9. Waccamaw Indian People
10. Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians

State Recognized Group

11. Chaloklowa Chickasaw Indian People of SC
12. Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois and United Tribes of SC
13. Natchez Indian Tribe
14. Pee Dee Indian Nation of Beaver Creek

State Recognized Special Interest Organizations

15. American Indian Chamber of Commerce of SC
16. Little Horse Creek American Indian Cultural Center and Association

Created by the SC Commission for Minority Affairs-Native American Affairs Initiative Staff. Updated November 15, 2017.

South Carolina's Recognized Native American Indian Entities

FEDERAL AND STATE TRIBES

Chief Bill Harris

Catawba Indian Nation (Federal)
996 Avenue of the Nations
Rock Hill, SC 29730
(803) 366-4792
www.catawbaindian.net

Chief Louie Chavis

Beaver Creek Indians
125 May Morning Dr.
Lexington, SC 29073-9443
(803) 356-4807
www.beavercreekindians.org

Chief Andy Spell

Edisto Natchez Kusso Tribe of South Carolina
1125 Ridge Road
Ridgeville, SC 29472
(843) 871-2126 or (843) 534-6132
www.edistonatchezkussotribeofsc.com/

Chief Carolyn Chavis Bolton

Pee Dee Indian Nation of Upper South Carolina
3814 Highway 57, North
Little Rock, SC 29567
(843) 586-9675
www.peedeenation.org

Chief Pete Parr

Pee Dee Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 568
Latta, SC 29565
843-319-4435
www.peedetribe.org

Chief Mary Louise Worthy

Piedmont American Indian Association –
Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of South Carolina
3688 Warrior Creek Church Road
Gray Court, SC 29645
www.paialowereasterncherokeenationsc.com

Chief Randy Crummie

Santee Indian Organization
432 Bayview St.
Holly Hill, SC 29059
(803) 308-7991 or (803) 496-2570

Chief Ralph Oxendine

Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians
5700 Oak Hill Road
Sumter, SC 29154
(803) 494-5442
www.sumtercherawindians.info

Chief Harold Hatcher

The Waccamaw Indian People
P.O. Box 628
Conway, SC 29528
(843) 358-6877
www.waccamawindians.us

Ms. Lisa M. Leach

Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians
P.O. Box 428
Summerville, SC 29484
(843) 364-7041
www.wassamasawtribe.com

STATE RECOGNIZED GROUPS AND SPECIAL INTEREST ORGANIZATIONS

Mingo Vernon Tanner

Chaloklowa Chickasaw Indian People
501 Tanner Lane
Hemingway, SC 29554
(843) 380-1481

Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois and
United Tribes of SC
P.O. Box 7062
Columbia, SC 29202
www.cherokeesofsouthcarolina.com

Chief Steve Davis

Natchez Tribe of South Carolina
79 Bluff Rd.
Columbia, S.C. 29201-4561
(803) 988-1074

Chief Elizabeth Skyke Vereen

Pee Dee Indian Tribe of Beaver Creek
PO Box 396
Neeses, SC 29107
(803) 446-1400

American Indian Chamber of Commerce of South
Carolina (AICCSC)
www.aiccsc.org

Little Horse Creek American Indian Cultural Center
Clearwater, SC



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PRESS RELEASE

South Carolinians Encouraged to Celebrate Native American Awareness Day, November 18th

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 15, 2017

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Columbia, SC— Governor Henry McMaster issued a proclamation on November 1, 2017 acknowledging South Carolina's Native American Heritage Month. The South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs is proud to acknowledge November as Native American Heritage Month and November 18, 2017 as the SC Native American Heritage Awareness Day. On this day in 2013, the SC Commission for Minority Affairs, along with Native American Tribal Leaders, SC State Legislators, a Representative of the Governor's Office and local elected officials celebrated the first Native American Heritage Awareness day on the steps of the SC Statehouse.

Since the passing of this resolution, the Commission and Native American Leaders have encouraged events statewide to bring awareness to the beautiful and rich culture, history and lives of our state's first inhabitants. The SC Commission for Minority Affairs produces an annual "Native American Heritage Month Calendar of Events" for the public. This calendar is available on our website at <http://cma.sc.gov>.

This year there are many wonderful events taking place around the State. In previous years, the Commission has hosted an event at the Statehouse, but this year we are encouraging the public to attend events in Native American Tribal communities and at cultural institutions. The following events are taking place on Native American Heritage Awareness Day around the state:

- **Native American Studies Center Galleries: Exhibit Tours**

Event starts at 9:00am and ends at 6:00pm at Native American Studies Center on Main Street, Lancaster, SC. Celebrate Native American Heritage Month and Awareness Day at University of South Carolina-Lancaster's Native American Studies Center with gallery tours and a special tour of the exhibit, "Share a Little of the Human Touch" at 2:00pm. This exhibit is funded by the Humanities SC. Archaeologist Chris Judge will lead tours of the exhibit, which traces Native Americans from the Ice Age to the time of European Contact. All events are free and open to the

public. The USCL Native American Studies Center is located at 119 S. Main Street in downtown Lancaster. For more information, call 803-313-7172 or email criswese@mailbox.sc.edu.

- **Native American History Lantern Tour**

Event starts at 6:00pm and ends at 8:00pm at the 12,000 Year History Park at the Cayce Riverwalk 12,000 Year Trail located in Cayce, SC. Celebrate Native American Heritage Month and Awareness Day with a candlelight walk with volunteers in period attire to learn about the lifeways and strategic roles Native Americans played in the economy and welfare of the Carolina colony and later periods. Learn about cultures and traditions of peoples who lived in the area beginning about 12,000 years ago and how their culture and traditions are alive and well in South Carolina today. It is recommended that you wear comfortable shoes. For more information, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/12000YearHistoryPark/>.

- **Catawba Indian Nation 4th Annual Craft and Food Fair**

Event starts at 10:00am and ends at 3:00pm at the Catawba Indian Nation Longhouse located in Rock Hill, SC. Celebrate Native American Heritage Month and Awareness Day with the Catawba Indian Nation on their reservation Longhouse located at 996 Avenue of the Nations Rock Hill, SC. This event will have Native American Vendors, Pottery and Beadwork, Arts and Crafts, Drumming and Dancing (10:30am and 12:00pm), Catawba Language Presentations, Food tasting contests, Native Archeology of South Carolina by Chris Judge, and Preserving your Past Workshop. Fundraising for the 4-H Club including a native American meal for \$7 and a Native American Sweet for \$1. Support Native American Seniors through their bake sale. For more information, please call Vivian Garland at 803-328-2208 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/87272816029/photos/a.10150704786261030.426944.87272816029/10156204324491030/?type=3&theater>

- **Pee Dee Indian Tribal Gathering**

Event starts at 11:00am at the Pee Dee Indian Tribal Grounds located in Bennettsville, SC. Join the Pee Dee Indian Tribe in celebrating Native American Heritage Month and Awareness Day at their tribal office and grounds located at 134 Longer Sand Road Bennettsville, SC 29512. The tribe welcomes members, friends and the public to enjoy food, music and dancing with the Tribe. For more information, call Chief Pete Parr at 1-842-319-4435 or email at peterbluehawk@yahoo.com.

- **4th Annual Trail of Tears Memorial Walk sponsored by PAIA/Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of SC**

Event starts at 11:00am and ends at 12:30pm at the Ninety-Six National Historic Site in Ninety-Six, SC. Join the PAIA/Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of SC in honoring Native American Heritage Month and Awareness Day by remembering the Trail of Tears. The Memorial Walk is located at Ninety-Six National Historic Site located 1103 Highway 248 S, Ninety-Six, South Carolina 29666. The Tribe will walk along the Cherokee Path at Ninety-Six Historic site to remember our people who were forced from their homes and marched to Present day Oklahoma.

- **Native American Celebration at Hagood Mill**

Event starts at 10:00am and ends at 5:00pm at the Hagood Mill Site located at 138 Hagood Mill Road, Pickens, SC. In observance of Native American Heritage Month, we invite you to join us for a special day of milling, memories and a Native American Celebration at the Hagood Mill Historic Site in Pickens SC on Saturday, November 18, 2016. The Mill will be operating, rain or shine from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. The Hagood Creek Petroglyph Site of SC will be open from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. There is a \$5.00 parking fee for the day but admission is FREE to the Hagood Mill Site as well as the Hagood Creek Petroglyph Site. All proceeds from parking go to help the Hagood Mill. This annual event celebrates our Native American history and influences. A number of groups will be represented, including individuals born and raised here as well as those who have made South Carolina their home. For more information, please visit: <http://www.visitpickenscounty.com/event/1643/native-american-celebration/>

Since 2005, the State of South Carolina has officially recognized Native American entities through the SC Commission for Minority Affairs. There are currently one Federally Recognized tribe; eight State Recognized Tribes; five State Recognized Groups; and two State Recognized Special Interest Organizations. There are large numbers of urban Indian and non-recognized Indian people in South Carolina as well. There are approximately 43,000+ Native American Indian people living in South Carolina according to the 2010 Census Data.

The following entities are recognized in the State of South Carolina: The Waccamaw Indian People (Tribe-2005), Pee Dee Indian Nation of Upper South Carolina (Tribe-2005), Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois and United Tribes of South Carolina (Group-2005), and Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians (Group-2005, then Tribe-2009), Chalokowa Chickasaw Indian People of South Carolina (Group-2005), American Indian Chamber of Commerce (Special Interest Organization-2006), Pee Dee Indian Tribe of South Carolina (Tribe-2006), Santee Indian Organization (Tribe-2006), Beaver Creek Indians (Tribe-2006), Piedmont American Indian Association/Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of South Carolina (Group-2006, Tribe-2015), Pee Dee Indian Tribe of Beaver Creek (Group-2007), Natchez Tribe of South Carolina (Group-2007), Little Horse Creek American Indian Cultural Center (Special Interest Organization-2009), Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe of South Carolina (Tribe-2010), and Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians (Tribe-2013). The Catawba Indian Nation is South Carolina's only Federally Recognized Tribe.

The South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs-Native American Affairs Initiative serves as the State's official Native American Affairs agency working with Native American Indians to address issues of poverty and socio-economic deprivation through collaboration with government and private partners. Program services include but are not limited to the following: information and referral, research and evaluation, technical assistance, capacity building, cultural diversity training, cultural competency training, minority population specific training, organizational development, business development and State Recognition for Native American Entities. Additionally, the Commission hosts annual Native American Heritage Awareness Day activities (November 18th), assists with Native American Heritage Month Events (November) and hosts agency-wide conferences and workshops throughout the year.

In addition to the Native American Affairs Initiative, the Commission has the following program initiatives: Community Based Services, Human Trafficking Prevention, Research and Policy Initiatives, Small and Minority Business, African American Affairs, and Hispanic/Latino Affairs. The mission of the Commission is to serve as a catalyst to bring about economic prosperity and social equity for all ethnic minorities.



Chief Harold "Buster" Hatcher, Waccamaw Indian People
 Source: SC Commission for Minority Affairs, Marcy L. Hayden



From left to right:
 Dr. Will M. Goins, CEO, Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois and United Tribes of SC
 (Far Back) Mark Williams, Piedmont American Indian Association/Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of SC
 Tammy Leach, Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians
 Lisa Leach Collins, Tribal Administrator, Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians
 Source: SC Commission for Minority Affairs, Bennie Brown Photography



Native American Heritage Awareness Day at SC State House, November 18, 2014
Native American Leaders, State Officials, SC Commission for Minority Affairs Staff, and Public Attendees
Source: SC Commission for Minority Affairs, Bennie Brown Photography



Native American Bill Signing at SC State House, June 2008
Native American Leaders, State Officials, SC Commission for Minority Affairs Staff, and Public Attendees
Source: SC Commission for Minority Affairs, Marcy L. Hayden

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For more information about the SC Commission for Minority Affairs and State Recognition, please contact:
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November is Native American Heritage Month!

The SC Commission for Minority Affairs-Native American Affairs has compiled a list of Heritage Month events occurring throughout the State. If your event has not been included, or you would like to add an event, please contact Marcy L. Hayden as soon as possible so it can be sent out on the list serve. Contact Information: (803) 832-8165 or mhayden@cfma.sc.gov.

President's Proclamation:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/10/31/president-donald-j-trump-proclaims-november-2017-national-native>

Library of Congress' Native American Heritage Month Information:

<http://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/about/>

SC Governor's Proclamation: *See attached.*

Date	Event	Location/Contact Information
All Month	Native American Studies Center Galleries Tuesday through Saturday	Native American Studies Center USC-Lancaster All events are free and open to the public. The USCL Native American Studies Center is located at 119 S. Main Street in downtown Lancaster. For more information, call 803-313-7172 or email criswese@mailbox.sc.edu .
Nov. 1st	Native American Heritage Month Open House Wednesday 4:00-6:00pm	University of South Carolina-Aiken Aiken, SC The open house will provide tribes in South Carolina the opportunity to educate students on their heritage and cultural with displays, activities, dancing and more. Located at 471 University Parkway Aiken, South Carolina 29801 in the Student Life Center. Call 803-641-3442 for more information.
Nov. 4th-5th	Waccamaw Indian People 24th Annual Cultural Arts Festival & Pauwau	Waccamaw Indian People Tribal Grounds Anyor, SC The 24th Annual Cultural Arts Festival & Pauwau will be held Saturday, November 5th and Sunday, November 6th, 2016 at the tribal grounds, 591 Bluewater Rd, Aynor, SC. The gates will open at 11:00 AM on both days. There will be two Grand Entries on Saturday, held at 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM. On Sunday there will be one Grand Entry held at 2:00 PM.

		<p>Open to the public. Host Drum: Edisto River Singers MC: John Blackfeather For more information, visit http://waccamawindians.us/tribal-events/.</p>
Nov.5th-14th	20th Annual Native American Film Festival of the Southeast Various	Nickelodeon Theatre Columbia, SC The 19 th Annual Film Festival is sponsored by the Native American Indian Film and Video Festival of the Southeast. See attached flyers. https://www.facebook.com/Native-American-Indian-Film-Video-Festival-of-the-Southeast-154115854684326/ http://www.cherokeeofsouthcarolina.com/FilmFestival/FilmFestivalMain.html
Nov. 7th	Native American Studies Center Galleries: Artist-in-Residence: Dr. Will M. Goins Tuesday 10:00am-5:00pm	Native American Studies Center USC-Lancaster All events are free and open to the public. The USCL Native American Studies Center is located at 119 S. Main Street in downtown Lancaster. For more information, call 803-313-7172 or email criswese@mailbox.sc.edu .
Nov. 8th	Native Film Festival @ USC-Russell House Wednesday 12:00pm-8:30pm	University of South Carolina-Office of Multicultural Student Affairs Columbia, SC A screening of six films that will be shown throughout the day as part of the 20 th Annual Native American Film Festival in Columbia. For a list of films, visit the OMSA website at http://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/multicultural_student_affairs/events/index.php .
Nov. 9th	Native American Studies Center Galleries: Exhibit Tours Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm	Native American Studies Center USC-Lancaster Celebrate Native American Heritage Month at USC Lancaster's Native American Studies Center with a gallery tour of the exhibit, "Share a Little of the Human Touch," funded by the Humanities SC. Archaeologist Chris Judge will lead tours of the exhibit, which traces Native Americans from the Ice Age to the time of European Contact. All events are free and open to the public. The USCL Native American Studies Center is located at 119 S. Main Street in downtown Lancaster. For more information, call 803-313-7172 or email criswese@mailbox.sc.edu .

Nov. 11th	36th Annual Veteran's Day Parade- American Indian Unit	Downtown-Main Street, Columbia, SC For more information, call Ms. Judy Rabon at 803-960-9437 or email at jmorabon@gmail.com .
Nov. 13th	"By Any Other Name: An Exploration of AfroAmerindian Heritage Monday 6 pm	University of South Carolina-Office of Multicultural Student Affairs Columbia, SC Screening followed by a panel discussion. This event is a partnership with Native American Film Festival of the Southeast. This event is located at McKissick Museum, 1st floor auditorium. Visit the OMSA website at http://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/multicultural_student_affairs/events/index.php .
Nov. 14th	Reception/Film Festival Awards Ceremony 6:30 pm	University of South Carolina-Office of Multicultural Student Affairs Columbia, SC A celebration and award ceremony for the 20th Annual Native American Film Festival of the Southeast. Additionally, there will be a short film screening of Rumble and a performance of Charly Lowry (American Idol & Dark Water Rising Lead Singer) located at the Nickelodeon 1607 Main Street. Visit the OMSA website at http://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/multicultural_student_affairs/events/index.php .
Nov. 15th	Diversity Dialogue: DAPL one year later 7:00pm	University of South Carolina-Office of Multicultural Student Affairs Columbia, SC Russell House 205 Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) protests began in early 2016, join us for a discussion on the impact it has left on members of the Native American community. Dr. Courtney Lewis, assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology will update the audience on the status of DAPL. Visit the OMSA website at http://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/multicultural_student_affairs/events/index.php .
Nov. 16th	Native American Studies Center Galleries: Artist-in-Residence: Dr. Will M. Goins Tuesday 10:00am-5:00pm	Native American Studies Center USC-Lancaster All events are free and open to the public. The USCL Native American Studies Center is located at 119 S. Main Street in downtown Lancaster. For more information, call 803-313-7172 or email criswese@mailbox.sc.edu .

Nov. 17th	Native American Studies Center Galleries: Lunch and Learn Friday 12:00pm-1:00pm	Native American Studies Center USC-Lancaster This presentation explores the history of the Chowans of Eastern North Carolina from the 1500's to the early twentieth century. The talk will focus on the recategorization of the Chowans from "Indian" to "colored" and highlight the ways racial categories can obscure the continued presence of indigenous people. All events are free and open to the public. The USCL Native American Studies Center is located at 119 S. Main Street in downtown Lancaster. For more information, call 803-313-7172 or email criswese@mailbox.sc.edu .
Nov. 18th	Native American Heritage Awareness Day	Along with the Native American Heritage Month Celebrations, the State has also set aside November 18 th as Native American Heritage Awareness Day to bring awareness to the unique culture and heritage of Native American Indians and issues that affect Native American Communities. The SC Commission for Minority Affairs encourages you to attend one of the many events happening around the State. For more information, please contact Marcy Hayden at mhayden@cfma.sc.gov or visit www.cma.sc.gov .
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		<p>Learn about varied cultures and traditions of peoples who lived in the area beginning about 12,000 years ago and how their culture and traditions are alive and well in South Carolina today.</p> <p>We recommend you wear comfortable shoes. For more information, visit: https://www.facebook.com/12000YearHistoryPark/ </p>
Nov. 18th	Catawba Indian Nation 4th Annual Craft and Food Fair Saturday 10:00am-3:00pm	Catawba Indian Nation Longhouse Rock Hill, SC Celebrate Native American Heritage Month and Awareness Day with the Catawba Indian Nation on their reservation Longhouse located at 996 Avenue of the Nations Rock Hill, SC. This event will have Native American Vendors, Pottery and Beadwork, Arts and Crafts, Drumming and Dancing (10:30am and 12:00pm), Catawba Language Presentations, Food tasting contests, Native Archeology of South Carolina by Chris Judge, and “Preserving your Past” Workshop. Fundraising for the 4-H Club including a native American meal for \$7 and a Native American Sweet for \$1. Support Native American Seniors through their bake sale. For more information please call Vivian Garland at 803-328-2208 or visit https://www.facebook.com/87272816029/photos/a.10150704786261030.426944.87272816029/10156204324491030/?type=3&theater .
Nov. 18th	Pee Dee Indian Tribal Gathering Saturday 11:00am	Pee Dee Indian Tribal Grounds Bennettsville, SC Join the Pee Dee Indian Tribe in Celebrating Native American Heritage Month and Awareness Day at their tribal office and grounds located at 134 Longer Sand Road Bennettsville, SC 29512. The tribe welcomes members, friends and the public to enjoy food, music and dancing with the Tribe. For more information, call Chief Pete Parr at 1-842-319-4435 or email at peterbluehawk@yahoo.com .
Nov. 18th	4th Annual Trail of Tears Memorial Walk sponsored by PAIA/Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of SC Saturday 10:00am-12:30pm	Ninety Six National Historic Site Ninety Six, SC Join the PAIA/Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of SC in honoring Native American Heritage Month and Awareness Day by remembering the Trail of Tears. The Memorial Walk is located at Ninety Six National Historic Site located 1103 Highway 248 S, Ninety Six, South Carolina 29666. The Tribe will walk along the Cherokee Path at Ninety-Six Historic site to remember our people who were forced from their homes and marched to Present day Oklahoma. For more information visit https://www.facebook.com/events/371216223312621/?acon

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Nov. 18th	Native American Celebration at Hagood Mill Saturday 10am-5pm	<p>Hagood Mill 138 Hagood Mill Road, Pickens, SC</p> <p>In observance of Native American Heritage Month, we invite you to join us for a special day of milling, memories and a Native American Celebration at the Hagood Mill Historic Site in Pickens SC on Saturday, November 18, 2016. The Mill will be operating, rain or shine from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. The Hagood Creek Petroglyph Site of SC will be open from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.</p> <p>There is a \$5.00 parking fee for the day but admission is FREE to the Hagood Mill Site as well as the Hagood Creek Petroglyph Site. All proceeds from parking go to help the Hagood Mill.</p> <p>This annual event celebrates our Native American history and influences. A number of groups will be represented, including individuals born and raised here as well as those who have made South Carolina their home.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: http://www.visitpickenscounty.com/event/1643/native-american-celebration/</p>
Nov. 20th	A Seat at the Thanksgiving Table Monday 5:30 p.m.	<p>University of South Carolina-Office of Multicultural Student Affairs Columbia, SC Russell House Intersection Multicultural Lounge</p> <p>Discussion lead by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs about learning the true history of Thanksgiving and how to have hard conversations at the dinner table. Visit the OMSA website at http://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/multicultural_student_affairs/events/index.php .</p>
Dec. 2nd	Native American Art and Craft Winter Sale Saturday 9am – 4pm	<p>Native American Studies Center USC-Lancaster Native American Studies Center Galleries 119 South Main Street, Lancaster, SC 29721</p> <p>For more information email USCLNASP@mailbox.sc.edu or call (803)313-7172.</p>

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, inhabiting this state for thousands of years, Native American Indians shared their knowledge of the land and its resources with the first immigrants to our country and have played a vital role in the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of the Palmetto State and the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, Native American Indian culture and society are at the roots of agricultural development, medicinal discoveries, environmental preservation, geography, governmental institutions and structure, commerce, and many other facets of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, many of our state's residents are of Native American Indian heritage from various tribes that were indigenous to our state or as descendants of Native American Indians throughout the western hemisphere who relocated in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, currently, the Catawba Indian Nation is a federally recognized tribe, while the State of South Carolina has recognized nine tribes, the Beaver Creek Indians, the Edisto-Natchez-Kusso Tribe of SC, the Piedmont American Indian Association - Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of SC, the Pee Dee Nation of Upper SC, the Pee Dee Indian Tribe of SC, the Santee Indian Organization, the Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians, the Waccamaw Indian People, and the Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians; four groups, the Chaloklowa Chickasaw Indian People, the Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois and United Tribes of SC, the Natchez Indian Tribe, and the Pee Dee Indian Tribe of Beaver Creek, and two special interest organizations, the American Indian Chamber of Commerce and the Little Horse Creek American Indian Cultural Center; and

WHEREAS, continuing to maintain their history, culture, lifestyles, and unique heritage, Native American Indians have served with valor and distinction in wartime, and their artistic, entrepreneurial, and other skills have truly enriched our heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2017 as

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to remember the many contributions made by Native American Indians in the Palmetto State and across the nation throughout the month, with November 18th being South Carolina's Native American Heritage Day, and to honor the unique heritage of our continent's first inhabitants.



HENRY MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA